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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers (Committee Meeting)
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	11/20/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Valerie Cloutier, Public Member
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Marencin called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TELE-PRACTICE

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin circulated information from the American Academy of Audiology and from ASHA regarding tele-practice. She is concerned of the concept of dispensing hearing aids via the internet. The Committee discussed the services that could be offered online by Audiologists, such as remote access and wireless programming of hearing aids. Any services provided online by Audiologists will be limited. The Committee determined that the first assessment and diagnostic visits would need to be done face to face, for both Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists.

The Committee reviewed the regulatory drafts Ms. Cloutier prepared. Ms. Cloutier used North Carolina's definition of tele-practice. The Committee decided that an individual must be licensed in the state in which the client is receiving services. It was determined that tele-practice will be limited to Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists only, prohibiting assistants, aides or Hearing Aid Dispensers to engage in tele-practice.

The Committee will begin to draft proposed regulations during their November 20, 2012 meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

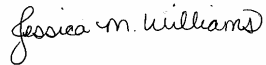
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Dr. Connolly-Gaskin, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica Williams
Administrative Specialist II